## UNITED STATES OF AMERICA Before the SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

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**ADMINISTRATIVE PROCEEDING**File No. 3-17043

In the Matter of

PAUL D. CRAWFORD,

ANSWER OF PAUL D. CRAWFORD

Respondent.

Comes now Paul D. Crawford, through and by his undersigned counsel, and in accordance with Rules 220 and 310 of the Commissions Rules of Practice, hereby files the following answer to the Order Institution Administrative Proceedings Pursuant to Section 15(b) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934.

- 1. He denies that it is in the interests of the public that this proceeding be instituted, as alleged in paragraph I. The SEC sued Mr. Crawford in the United States District Court for the District of Minnesota. This is a duplicate proceeding and inefficient use of scarse government resources.
- 2. He admits the assertions of paragraph II A, but alleges that he acted as a finder for those who invested in Bixby, which is a status the SEC has repeatedly recognized, and a status that does not require a securities license.
- 3. He admits the Minnesota District Court, by the Honorable Joan N. Ericksen, granted summary in favor of the SEC on December 9, 2016. By Order filed January 28, 2016, the Court added prejudgement interest, amending the final Judgement. He plans to file a timely notice of appeal, and requests this administrative proceeding be stayed pending the Eighth Circuit's

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complete review.

- 4. He acknowledges the SEC's verbiage in its Amended Complaint, paragraph II B 3, but not the vitality of its claims. Indeed Mr. Crawford denies the factual basis in support of the Court's Summary Judgement ruling.
- 5. In response to Section III, paragraphs A and B, Mr. Crawford again denies the allegation that he violated the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, and denies that any remedial action need be taken in this venue, in light of the District Court's ruling. He alleges two defenses: that he acted as a finder, and that the statute of limitations bars this action.

Dated: February 1, 2016

Respectfully submitted,

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

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Paul Engh, an attorney, certifies that on February 1, 2016, he caused a true and correct copy of Mr. Paul D. Crawford's Answer to be served on the following by United States Mail:

The Honorable Cameron Elliot Administrative Law Judge Securities and Exchange Commission 100 F. Street, N.E. Washington, DC 20549-2557

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OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY

RE: In the Mattefr of Paul D. Crawford (AP File No. 3-17043

Dear Mr. Fields,

Enclosed for filing in the above matter please find an original and three copies of Mr. Paul D. Crawford's Answer, and related Certificates of Service.

Sincerely yours,

Paul Engh

cc: The Honorable Cameron Elliot, AJJ Jonathan S. Polish and Timothy J. Stockwell STAFF TEE

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